

# Pulling it all Together







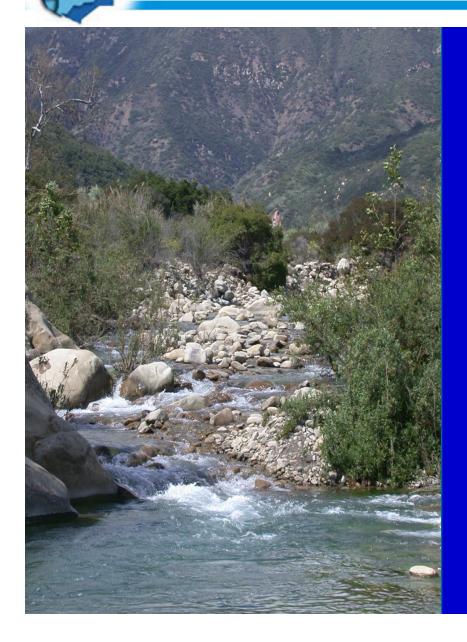
Water Management Planning in Ventura County











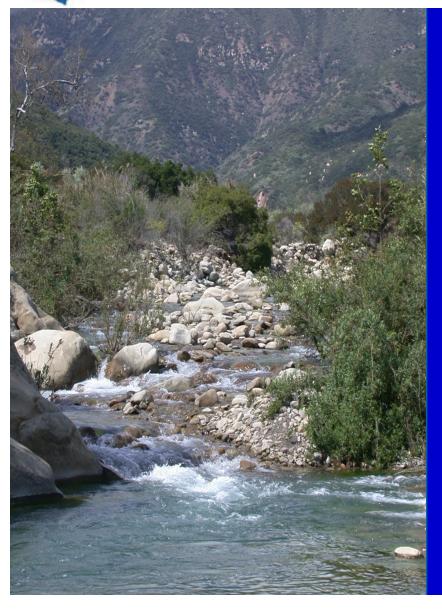
## **Proposition 50**

Chapter 8: \$500 million for

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

## Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County



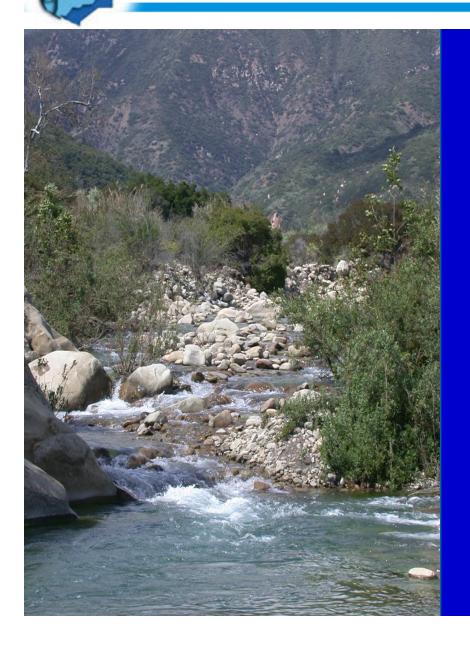


# Organizational Evolution

- 1996 Calleguas Creek
   Watershed Management Steering
   Committee Formed
- 2002 Ventura County Joins Northern and Coastal Coalition
- 2004 Ventura Countywide IRWM Planning Group Formed
- 2005 CC and VC Groups Submit Applications for Implementation Grants

# Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County





## **Proposition 50**

- Round 1 = \$150 million
- Over \$1.4 billion in applications
- DWR requested
   Calleguas Creek and
   Ventura Countywide
   IRWM groups to
   consolidate.



### 2006 Watersheds Coalition Established

- WCVC is one of 16 invited back to compete for \$25M grants (Step 2)
- Step 2 fund requests divided equally between VC and CC Groups (11 projects)
- \$25M Grant awarded January 2007



## WCVC Step 2 – 11 Projects Total

## 5 Calleguas Creek Projects: \$12.5 million

- Simi Valley Tapo Cyn Water Treatment Plant
- Calleguas Brine Line (Hueneme Outfall)
- Camarillo Groundwater Treatment Facility
- VC WWD1 Recycled Water System
- Watershed Arundo/Tamarisk Removal



## WCVC Step 2 – 11 Projects Total

- 3 Santa Clara River Valley Projects: \$9 million
  - El Rio Project
  - City of Oxnard Septic System Conversion
  - City of Fillmore Water Recycling Project
- 3 Ventura River Watershed Projects: \$3.5 million
  - Ventura River Watershed Protection Plan
  - San Antonio Spreading Grounds Rehab
  - Senior Canyon MW System Upgrades

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# Implementation Projects

### **WCVC Stakeholders**

#### **General Purpose Agencies**

- City of Camarillo
- City of Fillmore
- City of Moorpark
- City of Ojai
- City of Oxnard
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Santa Paula
- City of Simi Valley
- City of Thousand Oaks
- City of Ventura
- Ventura County Executive Office
- Ventura County General Services Agency
- Ventura County Resource Management Agency

#### Water Suppliers/Wastewater Management/ Special Districts

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camarillo Sanitary District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Fillmore Irrigation Company
- Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
- Golden State Water Company
- Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Ojai Valley Water Conservation District
- Pleasant Valley County Water District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura County Watershed Protection District
- Ventura County Waterworks Districts
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District
- Zone Mutual Water Company

#### **Business Organizations**

- Building Industry Association
- Farm Bureau of Ventura County
- Ventura County Economic Development Association

#### **Recreational and Open Space Entities**

- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
- Santa Monica Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

#### **Regulatory Agencies**

- California Coastal Commission
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Other Agencies/Organizations**

- Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Department of Transportation
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Native Plant Society
- California Wildlife Conservation Board
- Environmental Defense Center
- Friends of the Santa Clara River
- Hansen Trust
- Matilija Coalition
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Nature Conservancy
- Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
- Point Mugu Naval Base
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- Surfrider Foundation
- Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Forest Service
- Ventura County Resource Conservation District
- Ventura Hillsides Conservancy
- Wetlands Recovery Project

# Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

### WCVC Steering Committee

Calleguas Creek Watershed Santa Clara River
Watershed

Ventura River Watershed

- Umbrella Organization for planning and fundraising
- Consensus-based
- Regional Perspective / Goals
- Respects Watersheds Authority (Unique Needs, Local Control)



## **Merging the Plans**

- Ventura Countywide Group Received \$220,000
   Planning Grant
- Calleguas Creek Steering Committee Plan Adopted in June 2005
- 2006 Began the Process of Merging CCIRWMP and VCIRWMP



## **WCVC Plan Objectives**

- Reduce Dependence on Imported Water and Protect, Conserve and Augment Water Supplies
- Protect and Improve Water Quality
- Protect People, Property and the Environment from Adverse Flooding Impacts
- Protect and Restore Habitat and Ecosystems in Watersheds
- Provide Water-Related Recreational, Public Access and Educational Opportunities



### The WCVC Plan

- Product of Intensive Stakeholder Process Under Direction of WCVC
- Reflects the Unique Needs of a Diverse Region
- Authorship Provided by a Number of Individuals
- Comprehensive in Nature
  - Complies with State Guidelines for IRWMP
  - Provides for Integration of Project & Program Implementation Strategies for the Region
  - Supports the development & Implementation of Individual Watershed Protection Plans for Each of the Watersheds

### **Ongoing WCVC Activities**

- Database Development
- Plan Revision
- Coordination with Upper Santa Clara River
- Launching Watershed Councils
- Grant Project Management
- Future Funding Opportunities







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